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A copy of the First European Official Letter in applicants' corresponding European patent application is enclosed.

British Patent No. 879,849 is cited in the subject First European Official Letter. A copy of such patent was already submitted on May 14, 2007 in the Art Statement citing the references in the subject European Search Report.

British Patent No. 2,043,668 is cited in the subject First European Official Letter. A copy of such patent was already submitted on May 14, 2007 in the Art Statement citing the references in the subject European Search Report.

German Published Patent Application No. 4208946 is cited in the subject First European Official Letter. A copy of such patent application was already submitted on May 14, 2007 in the Art Statement citing the references in the subject European Search Report.

German Published Patent Application No. 4338152 is cited in the subject First Europoean Official Letter. A copy of such patent application was already submitted on May 14, 2007 in the Art Statement citing the references in the subject European Search Report.

U.S. Patent No. 1,739,863 (Rosenthal et al.) is cited in the subject First European Official Letter. A copy of such patent was already submitted on May 14, 2007 in the Art Statement citing the references in the subject European Search Report.

U.S. Patent No. 3,405,080 (Otey et al.) is cited in the subject First European Official Letter. A copy of such patent was already submitted on May 14, 2007 in the Art Statement citing the references in the subject European Search Report.

U.S. Patent No. 4,060,506 (Verbanac) is cited in the subject First European Official Letter. A copy of such patent was already submitted on May 14, 2007 in the Art Statement citing the references in the subject European Search Report.

U.S. Patent No. 5,138,006 (Kuo Chung M et al.) is cited in the subject First European Official Letter. A copy of such patent was already submitted on May 14, 2007 in the Art Statement citing the references in the subject European Search Report.

Enclosed is a copy of British Patent No. 688,291 (British '291) that is cited in the subject First European Official Letter. British '291 a process for forming

an ungelatinized starch derivative that involves reacting certain acids or salts thereof with raw starch in the presence of alkali under specific conditions.

A reference list for British '291 is enclosed.

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